

# Week Of Prayer, Christmas Offering Can Reverse Hungers

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The annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions December 1-8 will come at a time when many of the 2,536 missionaries in 81 fields are facing political and economic situations that only miracles of prayer can solve.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, with its national goal of \$23 million offers Southern Baptists a chance to hold back the jaws of inflation that are biting severely into missions buying power in several countries.

The annual foreign missions emphasis gives Southern Baptists an opportunity to aid in the worldwide program to proclaim the news of Christ's coming at the same time that they celebrate his birth.

Theme for the 1974 observance is "Grace, So Amazing... Love So Divine," featuring not only the story of God's gift of his son, but also on his modern-day miracles in missions.

Secretaries of two foreign missions areas have pointed out critical needs for prayer during this season. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America, and Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, pointed out that missionaries in headline-making countries face overwhelming opportunity along with danger because of turmoil.

"Missionaries assume that we are praying for their personal safety," Saunders said. "Danger does exist and could be eminent, and we have plans ready to help in case of personal danger. But missionaries feel peace. Their main prayer request is for reinforcements."

Saunders requested special prayer for missionaries and Baptists in Ethiopia, Uganda, Rhodesia, Mozambique, and Angola.

Ethiopia missionaries have told Saunders that their urgent need is prayers for missions volunteers, rather than prayers for personal safety during the change in government.

In Uganda, missionaries are finding their work rapidly gaining momentum, and their plea is prayer for resources. Saunders reported that political tension is obvious, but approximately four thousand public decisions of conversion have been made in response to the efforts of 10,000 church members during the past year.

Mozambique, perhaps the most troubled African field at the moment, is also showing great interest in the Baptist witness.

Saunders said, "The political situation is uncertain, but missionaries do not take this as a sign to quit. There is more openness to the gospel. Our main concern is for more missionaries to help the one couple already on the field to meet the opportunities."

Saunders says that work in Angola

is growing so fast that prayer, personnel, and money are equally urgent needs. The Foreign Mission Board has been able to speed new appointments to Angola thanks to the over-the-goal Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year, but that missionaries on the field need even more reinforcements.

Frank Means noted similar trends of unusual opportunity in troubled areas of South America. "The missionaries are not praying for a way out but for resources to face up to

opportunities that are created in times of trouble," he said.

Means mentioned missionaries in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay as requesting increased prayer and funds. He said that missionaries in Chile have survived the communist crisis but face great economic problems. "They are giving thanks that they have been able to remain in Chile," Means said. Missionaries have requested \$30,000 from the Lottie Moon Offering to assist in building small chapels for starting new congregations.

Missionaries in Argentina, in the process of transferring major responsibilities to nationals, want to establish a revolving building and loan fund for churches. Only if the Lottie Moon Offering passes its goal will they get the desired \$220,000. Means pointed out that these optimistic plans are in progress despite terrorist activities in the country.

Means said that Uruguay missionaries feel no uncertainty about personal safety, and are continuing to

escalate their efforts.

Even in politically settled countries economic problems are common and missions progress is significantly threatened by inflation.

The Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each provide approximately half of foreign mission support. The first \$14.5 million of the Lottie Moon Offering will blend with Cooperative Program allocations to maintain the basic operating budget for foreign missions. It will pay salaries for 700 missionaries.

aries, will place new missionaries on the field, will educate missionary children, and will cover a listing of specific budget items running for more than thirty pages.

Christmas offering money beyond \$14.5 million will be allotted according to a priority listing to special advance projects, to purchase of new equipment and property, and to improvement of missions facilities. These new items would be sacrificed in favor of maintenance if the Lottie Moon funds did not provide sufficient supplement to offset inflation.

Examples of capital requests that depend on the offering's reaching its goal are new mission fields in Middle America and the Caribbean. According to Charles W. Bryan, secretary for the area, Panama, in the process of transfer from the Home Mission Board, has requested office equipment, theological study equipment, strategic property, and camp equipment, totaling \$17,500. St. Lucia, one of the newest fields, has requested a \$12,000 bookmobile.

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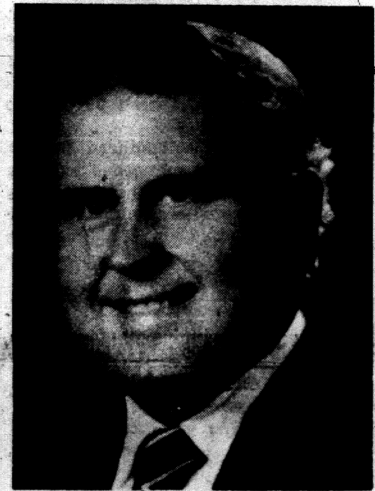
### Governor To Welcome Men For Prayer Breakfast

Mississippi Gov. William Waller will welcome some 525 Baptist Men Nov. 30 to the first foreign missions prayer breakfast to be held in Mississippi.

Indications are that this may be the first such prayer breakfast to be held on a statewide basis in any state.

The breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson.

Gov. Waller, a member of First Church, Jackson, is a sponsor of the event along with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Foreign Mission Board.



Gov. William Waller

Mississippi Baptist Convention President Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, will deliver the invocation; and Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada, will pronounce the benediction. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the master of ceremonies.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer emeritus for the Convention Board and a former president of the Foreign Mission Board, will present guests at the breakfast. Three foreign missionaries will speak briefly at the breakfast, and two foreign board staff members will be in attendance. The speakers will be Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam; Rev. Wayne Frederick, missionary to French West Indies; and Rev. Charles Tope, missionary to Kenya. Each of these men is a former Mississippi pastor.

The staff members who will be present are Dr. Samuel DeBord, secretary of the Department of Promotion, and Rev. Sam Pittman, the associate secretary.

Special music will be presented by The Creation, a men's trio of First

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Larry Walker

### Youth Night Speaker

Larry Walker, minister of evangelism for First Church, Dallas, will be the speaker for the Mississippi Baptist Youth Night Dec. 30 to be held in the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Walker, who worked with youth in New York City before joining the First Church staff in Dallas, is an accomplished violinist. Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Convention Board, will be the master of ceremonies. This youth night meeting will replace the youth night previously held on Thursday night of the annual convention and the annual state youth convention. Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music evangelist, will be directing the music.

### Permanent Construction

## 150 Laymen Needed For Honduras Work

MEMPHIS (BP) — Two Southern Baptist denominational leaders issued a call for up to 150 laymen to contribute their construction skills and time toward building a school, a church, and some homes in hurricane-ravaged Honduras.

The call for help came from W. Eugene Grubbs, consultant for laymen overseas for the Foreign Mission Board, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

Grubbs, who is serving as the denominational liaison in the United States for the disaster relief project, said the men are needed during the next four months to help construct an elementary school building, a Baptist church building for a mission congregation and a large number of homes.

The building projects are now on the drawing boards, Grubbs said, and await the response of Southern Baptist concrete block masons, carpenters, and electricians who will donate

their services and care for their transportation to and from Honduras.

McCullough urged volunteers to get in touch with the Brotherhood department in their state Baptist convention for details about the projects.

The current timetable calls for the building projects to be completed by March 1.

Southern Baptists are concentrating their relief efforts mainly in the suburbs of San Pedro Sula, a city of 150,000 about 40 miles inland from the north coast of the Central American country.

Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras on September 19, killing 10,000 and leaving 129,000 homeless.

Within hours after the tragedy, Southern Baptist missionaries in Honduras and surrounding countries responded with emergency medical assistance.

Later, six Baptist physicians and a nurse from the United States spent stints of up to four weeks providing medical relief.

A Texas Baptist disaster relief unit began providing hot food for the hurricane victims on a daily basis on October 27 and served 110,000 meals.

Robert E. Dixon, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, who is supervising the operation of the relief unit, said the unit will be moved to the site of the building projects and used as a mobile hotel for the work crews.

During a one-week stay in November, six laymen from Virginia and Louisiana built 200 cots of wood and canvas for hurricane victims living in tents and sleeping on the ground, Grubbs said.

"Now we are ready for the more permanent construction," Grubbs said, "and that depends largely on the response of Southern Baptists with construction skills."

### Workshops On Ministries To Aging Planned In '75

Four workshops for church leaders across the state are planned for the early part of 1975. The theme for the three-day workshops will be "The Churches and the Needs of Older Mississippians." They are being conducted by a Clergyman's Committee chaired by Rev. J. W. Carroll of Tupelo in cooperation with the Mississippi Council on Aging, Horace Kerr, Executive Director.

The objective of the workshops

will be to increase the awareness of the process of aging, the problems faced by older Mississippians, and programs which may contribute to their solution. The long-range goal of the project is to develop more effective ministries to older persons by local churches and denominational groups. The workshop schedules will range from feelings about aging

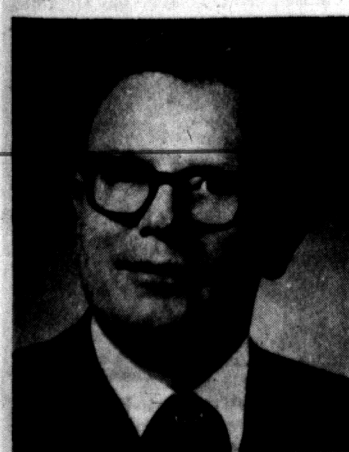
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### Other Conventions

## New Mexico Baptists Set Budget; Elect O'Brien

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, meeting at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here, voted a record \$1.7 million annual budget and elected Chester O'Brien of Amarillo, Tex., as the convention's new executive director.

O'Brien, 50, superintendent of missions for the Amarillo Baptist Association of churches for the past nine years, will begin Jan. 1, succeeding R. Y. Bradford, who steps down Jan. 15. The convention honored Bradford.



Chester O'Brien

A native of Fort Worth, Tex., O'Brien has been pastor of churches in Amarillo and Lucern, N. M.

Some \$210,448 will go to worldwide missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program.

Messengers also elected C. L. Bowe, a San Jon rancher, as convention president and announced next year's convention site as Lucern, N. M.

Nov. 4-6.

Charismatics and Woman Ordination Opposed

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — Registered "messengers" to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma went on record in their annual session here opposing both the charismatic movement and the ordination of women.

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Mississippi Goal \$1,400,000



# Other Conventions Meet

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ment and the ordination of women as deacons and ministers.

The motion that ordination of women in unscriptural was presented by Ross Geyer of First Baptist Church, Helena, Okla. Messengers voted down a move to refer the subject to the convention's Christian Life Committee.

In the resolution on the charismatic movement, the messengers expressed "firm opposition to anything which divides the fellowship of our churches and our convention" and encouraged Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma, "in the spirit of reconciliation... to practice (the Apostle) Paul's 'more excellent way'... in relationships 'with those who differ in doctrine or practice'."

The resolution referred to the charismatic movement as "a new extremism which, with its exclusive interest in the person and work of the Holy Spirit, has diminished the significance of the person and work of the Son and the person and work of the Father."

**Georgians Kill Attempt to Ban Index Over Editorials**  
MACON, Ga. (BP) — One of its "most harmonious" annual meetings in years, according to observers, saw the Georgia Baptist Convention uphold "freedom of discussion" rather than "ban an attempt to censor its news publication," The Christian Index, for recent editorials on bus-ministry.

The weekly publication in recent months has run editorials warning Baptists about excesses and gimmicks and excessively young converts through the bus ministry. James F. Tiedel, the pastor of Pine Forest Baptist Church in Macon, asked the Georgia convention to censure the Index.

But the motion was referred by registered "messengers" to the resolutions committee, which, the next day, asked the convention to resolve that "each church is free to pursue this or any form of witness under the leadership of the Holy Spirit" and to urge convention agencies to "strengthen this and all other means toward effective evangelism."

**Maryland Baptists Adopt Budget; Vote for Skyrocket**  
GLEN BURNE, Md. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of Maryland adopted a \$1.5 million budget at its 128th annual session in this Baltimore suburb and registered a 40 percent attendance increase over last year's meeting.

Some 1,123 registered "messengers" voted 281-60 to construct Skyrocket, a proposed convention facility for conferences, retreats and camping, which would cost about \$800,000.

Messengers also granted approval to borrow up to \$500,000 for the facility, although that amount, observers reported, would be lessened by a statewide fund raising campaign, conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission, which has raised \$270,000 to date.

## D. C. Convention Urges

**Ordination of Women**  
WASHINGTON (BP) — The District of Columbia Baptist Convention became the first regional or state body affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to call for the ordination of women as ministers on an equal basis with men.

In other actions, the convention (which is aligned with two national bodies, the SBC and the American Baptist Churches) also passed a resolution supporting the Supreme Court's position on abortion, called for a renewal of integrity in government and urged D. C. Baptists to share food supplies with the world's needy.

The convention tabled another resolution calling for President Ford to grant unconditional amnesty to deserters and draft evaders of the Vietnam war.

The convention elected as president John W. Laney, for 18 years the pastor of the Twinbrook Baptist Church in suburban Rockville, Md.

The convention approved a total budget of \$681,500 for D. C. Baptist causes. Of that amount \$206,048 will go to the worldwide causes of the ABC and SBC, mainly to the SBC, a spokesman said.

The 1975 session is scheduled for November 13-14 at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Washington.

## 'No' On State Lottery, Says Indiana Baptists

HAMMOND, Ind. (BP) — In what was described as many observers as "the most peaceful convention in years," a record 235 messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana adopted a 1975 budget of \$944,000, an increase of 14 percent above the 1974 budget.

A record state Cooperative Program limited budget goal of \$907,000 was approved with 80 percent of these coming from local churches within the state to go to world missions through the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Messengers adopted a strong resolution

opposing a state lottery and parliamentary gambling in the Hoosier State. Both issues are expected to be faced by the 1976 Indiana General Assembly.

The Indiana messengers responded to an appeal made by E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary for the state convention, that a 30-member committee of laymen be named to study the present status and future needs of the state's pastors and church staff members. The committee was instructed to report at next year's convention.

Learnon Blalock, the pastor of Orchard Drive Baptist Church in Hammond and a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected as the state convention's president.

The 1975 meeting of Indiana Baptists will be held November 11-13 at Speedway Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

## Church Request Withdrawal

Honored By Arkansas Baptists

LITTLE ROCK (BP) — The Arkansas Baptist Convention voted unanimously to accept the request of a church's "messengers" to withdraw from the participation in this year's meeting of the state body "to keep down controversy," rather than to provoke a debate on "alien immersion."

The issue concerned the First Baptist Church of Russellville and its stated membership policy of accepting "alien immersion," baptism by non-Baptists. The church's constitution differs with the Arkansas convention's constitution on this subject, a convention spokesman said.

In other action, the convention approved a resolution calling for a study on ways of helping pastors and church staff members experiencing physical and emotional needs, approved a record \$4.2 million Cooperative Program (unified budget of Southern Baptists) budget for 1975 and approved an executive board recommendation to accept a \$500,000 challenge grant for Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia.

Don Moore, the pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Ark., was re-elected to his second term as convention president.

Moore said the Russellville church's constitution provides a means of accepting people by "alien immersion"

(baptism by immersion by groups other than Baptist), which is prohibited in the Arkansas convention's constitution. The Russellville church, however, doesn't accept members who haven't been baptized by a Baptist fellowship, Moore noted.

The convention's credentials committee recommended that the church's "messengers" remain as a part of the convention. But the messengers from Russellville asked that the state Baptist body allow them to withdraw.

A deacon from the church said, "Our pastor is just as Southern Baptist as anyone here. As we withdraw, it is not out of anger or animosity but simply to keep down controversy. We will continue to support the Cooperative Program and to work with the brethren in every way possible," he said.

The record \$4.2 Cooperative Program budget of Arkansas Baptists provides for 40% of the receipts to go to national Southern Baptist causes.

Next year's Arkansas convention will meet November 18-20 in Ft. Smith.

## Virginia Baptists AVOID

Controversy Over Schools

ROANOKE, Va. (BP) The Baptist General Association of Virginia set a record budget of \$5.1 million and elected Joseph Smiddy, chancellor of Clinch Valley Community College, as president.

Thirty-eight percent of budget receipts from Virginia Baptist churches will go to worldwide missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program.

Messengers accepted an earlier action of the state convention's general board to refer the controversy over charter changes at Virginia Interment and Averett Colleges to the board's executive committee for study. The committee will make a special report in April.

Earlier in the year, trustees of the two Baptist schools changed their charters to qualify as technically "non-sectarian" to their students could receive state tuition grants.

Changes included elimination of Baptist church membership as a requirement for the office of trustee and reduction of the number of trustees nominated by Virginia Baptists.

## 13th Check Will

Be Paid For 1974

## By Annuity Board

DALLAS — A 13th Check will be paid in 1974, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here.

He said the check will amount to 8-13 per cent of the annual benefit. In equivalent, this is one month's additional benefit payment beyond the 12 annual guaranteed payments under Plan A and Plan B.

Over 9,000 annuitants receiving benefits from these plans, who were on the annuitant list as of September 30, will be paid in early December and will amount to over \$650,000.

"Some have asked how we can pay any extra benefit during a year in which the stock market has suffered so greatly," Morgan said. "Funds to distribute the 13th Check this year come principally out of excess interest accumulated before the stock market entered its rapid decline."

"However, these funds are not sufficient to pay the 16-23 per cent of annual benefit, or two additional months of payments, the Annuity Board was able to provide last year."

"We hope the stock market will recover from its decline so that we can distribute a 13th Check in 1975. We are aware that our annuitants, faced with rapidly rising costs of living, sorely need this extra benefit," Morgan added.

## Evangelists Plan

Open House At

Clarksdale

The Mississippi Fellowship of Evangelists met November 13 at the Sun and Sand Motel in Jackson.

Members present enjoyed an excellent breakfast while they made plans for the 2nd OPEN HOUSE for evangelists.

The Open House will be held during the Evangelism Conference in Clarksdale. Pastors are asked to attend this after the conference fellowship to meet the evangelists.

President Ed Bryon, vice-president James Fancher and Sec. - Treasurer Jerry Nixon were elected as officers for 1975.

Rev. Don Henderson, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Grenada was elected to serve as pastor advisor.



## BMC's Founder's Day Program

The first Founder's Day in Blue Mountain College's second century, brought to the campus its newly elected national alumnae president, one of its favorite alumnae as keynote speaker, and a number of Alumnae Board members for the fall meeting. Left to right are, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president; Mrs. Eugene Cotey, the former Jean Lipsey, Murfreesboro, Tenn., who presided over the program; the honored guest speaker, Mrs. Wesley Bowman, the former Mary D. Leavell, Pineville, La., an alumna of the college; and Mrs. Peggie Hopper, Ripley, alumnae secretary.

## Call It What You Will

But Spell It Missions

Call it what you will but spell it missions — because the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is involved in electronic missions to reach individuals around the world with the Gospel in less time than it takes to sing the Doxology.

The Commission produces 30 radio and television programs, broadcast weekly on more than 3,250 stations around the world.

"Our product is the Gospel and we haven't watered it down," said Paul M. Stevens, Radio - TV Commission president.

## 'Country Crossroads'

Mixes Music, Religion

"Country Crossroads," the half-hour radio show that "takes the cross of Christ to the crossroads of the world," features music, interviews and religious experiences of the top country music stars.

Produced by the Southern Baptist show has won numerous industry awards. "Country Crossroads" is heard on 539 radio stations across the country and aired on 367 American Forces Network stations around the world.

## Smoking, Health Targets Of Groups

Five member organizations of the Mississippi Interagency Council on Smoking and Health are offering smoking and health presentations to schools, civic groups and organizations, according to G. B. Garrison, president of the council and health educator for the Mississippi State Board of Health.

The Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society, the Mississippi Heart Association, the Mississippi State Board of Health are the five organizations offering the presentations.

The Interagency Council is composed of 21 organizations in the state interested in the problem of smoking and health. The Christian Commission is a member of the Interagency Council. The council is a means of coordinating anti-smoking efforts and resources to the schools of Mississippi and the general public. Dr. J. Clark Hensley is executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.

"These organizations will be glad to provide information, speakers and other educational material to any group in the state," Garrison said.

"Interested parties may contact any of these five organizations if they desire such a program for their church, school, or civic organization," Garrison said.

## Ministries To Aging - - -

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through an understanding of what the aging process means and how ministry can be performed to specific planning for back-home projects.

The first workshop will be held Jan. 27-29 in Tupelo at Traceway Manor. One will be held Feb. 17-19 in Cleveland on the Delta State University Campus. A third workshop will be March 3-5 at the Baptist Building in Jackson, and the fourth will be April 7-9 on the Gulf Coast at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus. Approximately 400 Mississippi pastors and church leaders from various denominations will be expected to participate in the four workshops.

Rev. J. W. Carroll, executive director of the North Mississippi Methodist Home for the Aging and director of this special project, states, "These workshops are the fulfillment of a dream which Horace Kerr and I have long shared. Hopefully, they will help to create an atmosphere in which Mississippi leaders will see as a part of their redemptive role in our society a place for significant ministries to older people."

For additional information concerning these workshops, contact Mrs. Lila Donaldson, Workshop Coordinator, at the Traceway Manor in Tupelo; Jim Young at the Mississippi Council on Aging, P. O. Box 5136, Jackson, Ms. 39216; or Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

## Prayer Breakfast - - -

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Church, Greenville. Piano meditations will be by Ed Sudduth, instrumentalist with the James Watson Evangelistic Association.

The foreign missions prayer breakfast will just precede the annual Week of Prayer for foreign missions in Southern Baptist Churches to be Dec. 1-8. It will also accentuate the annual Lottie Moon Offering for foreign missions, which has a nationwide goal of \$23 million and a Mississippi goal of \$1.4 million.

The Foreign Mission board now has 2,576 missionaries under appointment with work going on in 81 countries. The goal for 1975 is to commission 375 new missionaries. The Lottie Moon offering annually provides about half of the total foreign missions budget.



Bob Hamblin, Harrisburg, Tupelo, delivers the convention sermon, on "The Perseverance of the Church."



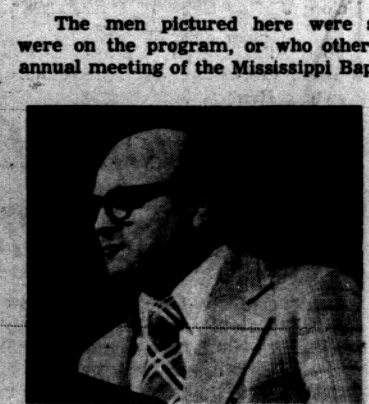
Beverly Tinnin, First, Meridian, presents the proposed budget for 1975.



Hardy Denham, First, Newton, brings the Thursday morning Bible Treasures message on "The Living Church Victorious."



Bill Duncan, First, Piquette, presents a Resolution on Violence.



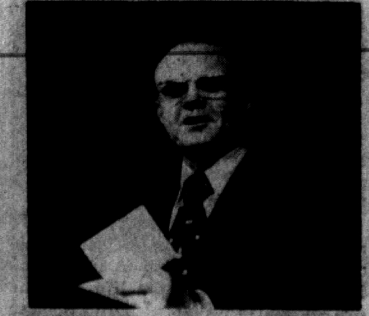
Kermit McGregor, Hattiesburg, seconds McKeever's nomination of Richardson as president.



Joe McKeever, First, Columbus, nominates James Richardson for new convention president.



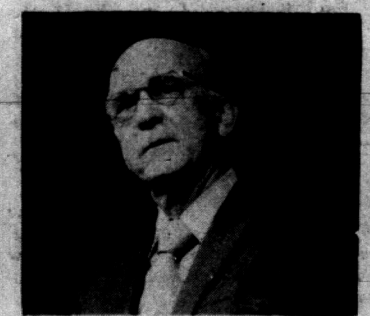
Charles Gentry, Morrison Heights, Clinton, reads Peter 1:1-12.



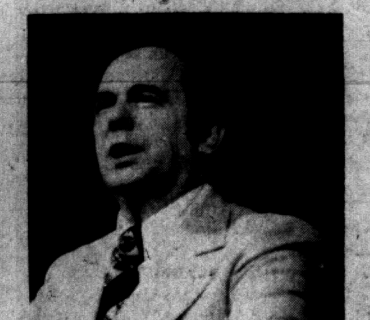
Brooks Wester, First, Hattiesburg, brings the report of the Committee of Constitution and Bylaws.



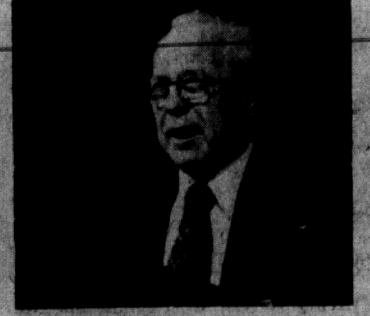
Barry Landrum, First, Greenville, brings a Bible study message on "The Living Church Identified."



John Barnes of Hattiesburg speaks to convention.



John Traylor, First, Gulfport, brings the Wednesday afternoon Bible study, "The Living Church Empowered."



Bill Nimmons, First, Tupelo makes a nomination.



James Yates, First, Yazoo City, brings the Bible Treasures message, "The Living Church Commissioned."



John Traylor, First, Gulfport, brings the Wednesday afternoon Bible study, "The Living Church Empowered."



James Carr, First Church, Jackson, reports on Billy Graham Crusade.



Howard Aultman, First, Columbia, brings a resolution concerning the proposal to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

WASHINGTON, D. C. — What began as a part-time position as assistant chaplain for Protestant patients at Jesuit-related Georgetown University Hospital in mid-September will probably become a full-time assignment. About one-third of the patients in the 400-bed hospital, on the average, are Roman Catholic, with most of the remaining two-thirds Protestant, half of that number being Baptist.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rumors that Congress will cut off income tax deductions for gifts to churches, missions and Bible colleges are groundless, according to W. Barry Garrett, information services director for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

AUGUSTA, Me. — "The Maine lottery ought to be destroyed... because it is wicked for a sovereign state to pick the pockets of the poor to get the money it ought to raise by taxation of the rich," according to James Russell Wiggins, publisher of the Ellsworth (Me.) American newspaper.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The number of divorced persons per 1,000 persons in "intact marriages" has increased to 63 this year, up from 47 in 1970 and 35 in 1960, a U. S. Bureau of the Census survey has revealed. "High rates of marital disruption through divorce and separation have contributed to the growing proportion of children living in one-parent families and of families headed by women," it was pointed out.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester has voted to give a \$911,000 bequest to the national Episcopal church for world relief.

NASHVILLE — A six-month research project commissioned by the Home Mission Board has found that there is no long-term, well-developed and highly successful ministry program to highly mobile persons. Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board leaders concluded that more attention is needed in a ministry to mobile Americans in multi-family housing — including apartment complexes, condominiums, mobile home parks, and planned cities.

LONDON — At least 80 women are ready and willing to become priests in the Church of England if

and when the ordination of women is permitted, according to a survey published by the church.

LONDON — For the first time more than a decade the number of candidates for ordination in the Church of England is rising. It was pointed out that candidates seeking ordination are 23 per cent more in number than last year.

### Symposium Set For BMC December 2

A symposium concerning the "Gifted Learner" has been announced for Monday, December 2, 1974 with both afternoon and evening sessions at Blue Mountain College, according to the coordinator of the project. Dr. Betty Hearn, chairman of the English Department at Blue Mountain.

The keynote address will be made by Dr. Edward C. Frierson of Nashville, Tenn. He is the Executive Director of the Nashville Learning Center which offers a wide range of educational services to families throughout Tennessee.

"The topic of Dr. Frierson's address in the evening will be 'An Old Parable: A New Interpretation' and will be open to the public," Dr. Hearn said.

Following the Frierson address, a panel discussion will take place and will be moderated by Dr. Louis Scholte, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Blue Mountain. Panelists for the discussion will include Dr. James Bryson, Superintendent of New Albany City Schools; Mr. Lisa Van Landingham, Associate Professor in the Department of Modern Language at Blue Mountain; Mrs. Cleo May, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary School and Mrs. Louise Dubard, Chairman of the English Department at Northeast Junior College.

Registration for the afternoon session is to begin at 2:30 with an address by Dr. S. A. Morehead, Dean of the School of Education at Ole Miss to follow at 3:00. There will be a discussion following the talk.

Concluding the afternoon session will be an address by Dr. Anthony Penna, Professor of History at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Penna is also assistant director of the Social Studies Curriculum Center at the school. He has designed special courses of study for gifted students in social sciences and much of his work is in use in text books throughout the country.

### Swor, Cook Will Lecture At BMC

Dr. Chester E. Swor, noted author, counselor and lay minister, will present several talks as part of the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series on the campus of Blue Mountain College Dec. 2-4.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Dr. Swor holds a Masters Degree in English from North Carolina, a professional diploma in Guidance from Columbia University with additional study completed at Oxford University, England as well as New York University and the Jung Institute Library.

The theme for the 1974 lecture series is "The Fine Art of Living" and Dr. Swor will be assisted during the three day program by Scott Cook, a recent graduate of Mississippi College, who highlights the various lecture topics with "Living Art", a modern version of chalk talk.

The lecture series is a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York and was established in 1960. It brings to college and university campuses across the United States distinguished scholars who can clearly communicate with students.

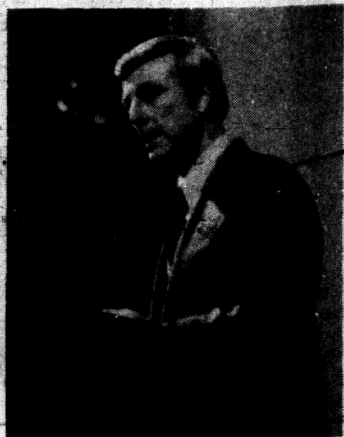
The series is open to the public and more information can be obtained by contacting Blue Mountain.

COTONOU, Dahomey — Nearly 50 professions of faith were recorded during an open-air reconciliation crusade recently in front of the Baptist headquarters building. Roger Bertrand, pastor of the Baptist church in Tours, France, was the evangelist and two Nigerian Baptists helped with the music.

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## Men's Conference Personalities



Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam



Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor, First, Grenada.



Grady Nutt, Louisville, Ky., humorist



Elmer Howell, director, Brotherhood Department, MBCB, and Howard Carpenter of Senatobia, re-elected state Brotherhood president.

## Agency Trustees Named

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Committee members include Fuller Saunders, chairman, James McLemore, John Flowers, Larry Kennedy, and Howard Taylor.

The report follows. Names in bold type are trustees beginning new terms.

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Directors Of Missions Elect Officers

New officers for 1975 have been elected for the Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions. From left: Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulf Coast Association, vice-president; Leon Young, Lauderdale, president, and Rev. Maurice Flowers, Jones, secretary-treasurer.

### Convention Cassette Tapes Available

Rev. B. Wayne Long, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lambert, recorded all of the messages presented at the recent Mississippi Baptist Convention, and is offering them for sale as follows. They are on standard cassettes.

Any of the following are \$2.00 each:  
David Grant, "President's Message '74"; Earl Kelly, "A Decade of Advance"; Adrian Rogers, "God's Hall of Fame."

Any two of the following are \$2.00:  
Robert Hamblin, "Strangers in a Pagan World"; Rudolph Fagan, "The Destinies of Men"; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, "A New Spirit of Boldness"; Grady Cothen, "The Difference in the SBC"; Raymond Lloyd, "The Living Church Founded"; Barry Landrum, "The Living Church Identified"; James Yates, "The Living Church Commissioned"; John Traylor, "The Living Church Empowered"; Phillips McCarty, "The Living Church Challenged"; Hardy Denham, "The Living Church Victorious."

Order from Rev. B. Wayne Long, P. O. Box 145, Lambert, Ms. 38843.

### BWA SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT BIBLE IMPORTATION TO ROMANIA

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Romanian government has approved a request of the Romanian Baptist Union to allow Bibles to be imported into the country, the Baptist World Alliance reported here.

Carl W. Tiller, BWA relief coordinator, said the alliance needs between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to import 2,500 Bibles into Romania. He said the British and Foreign Bible Society has Romanian language Bibles in stock in Zurich, Switzerland, and that the shipment can be made as funds

are raised.  
"Christians in Romania have urgently needed Bibles for some time," a BWA spokesman said. "Several years ago, the Romanian government granted permission to import 5,000 Bibles, but the grant expired before the action was accomplished. This is the first time since the prior approval that necessary government approval has been obtained."  
The Romanian Baptist Union is an affiliate of the BWA.



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## EDITORIAL

### Missions, The Binding Force

Concern for missions well may be the strongest force in the unity of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are many Baptists, in numerous Baptist groups, but no other body is so large, or has so great a program, as does the Southern Baptist Convention.

When one seeks an explanation for the strength and growth of this denomination, he finds that there is no factor which so closely unites these Baptists as world missions. Their love for and interest in the whole missionary program is a bond which so binds the denomination, that other forces simply cannot bring serious division. Although they differ on some matters, and even in minor doctrinal interpretations, these do not bring disruption, simply because the churches are so completely united in a mighty missionary program.

The mission work of Southern Baptists is participated in by the churches, largely through two channels. The first of these is the Cooperative Program which is the missions budget, and through which any church, large or small, can support everything that the denomination is doing. This in itself is a miracle, for the smallest church with only a few dollars to give, can have a part in the support of thousands of missionaries, and of numer-

ous institutions and agencies. The Cooperative Program is to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, and has been a tremendous tool in the building of the great program of the denomination.

The second means of financial support of the work from the churches is through the special mission offerings. The largest of these is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, but there also is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, and the annual State Mission Offering. Some other smaller emphases are promoted only by the women, but these are the three which have become churchwide. These, too, have a vital part in the missionary concern and emphasis of the denomination.

Largest of the offerings is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which will be observed in the season just now arriving. As far as we know, this is the largest special missionary offering being taken in the world today, and its impact on the world missionary enterprise is far reaching. Thousands of places and people in many nations will be affected because Southern Baptists make gifts in their churches during coming weeks.

The importance of this offering was impressed on me on numerous occasions as I visited our foreign mission work in other lands. For example, in

Turin, Italy, while standing in the pulpit of a lovely little Baptist church building, I complimented the pastor and his people for providing such a building to minister to the people of the area. He immediately reminded me that the building was erected with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In Ecuador, I stood to preach on the opening day for a Baptist mission chapel, and as people walked the aisles in response to the invitation, I breathed a prayer of thanks to God for the Lottie Moon Offering which had provided the building. In a tiny farm village in the Philippines, I preached in a little church building that the Christmas offering had provided. I also have seen other church buildings, missionary homes, and other facilities provided by this mighty love gift from Southern Baptists.

This year's offering of \$23,000,000 not only will build many more buildings, but also will pay the salaries of hundreds of missionaries. Indeed, more than one-half of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board budget comes through this special effort. Thus it makes an impact around the world.

Every Mississippi Baptist will want to have part in the offering and give joyfully and generously, that the goal may be reached, and the gospel message sped to the ends of the earth.

"O OUR GOD, WE THANK YOU AND PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME... EVERYTHING WE HAVE HAS COME FROM YOU, AND WE ONLY GIVE YOU WHAT IS YOURS ALREADY!"  
—1 CHRON. 29:13,14 (LB)



### Expression of Genuine Appreciation

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Dr., Mrs. McGlamery Now In Memphis

Dear Dr. Odle:

We have taken a leave of absence from the FMB and will be at home to get some health problems adjusted. Dr. Mac has had his surgery and is able to begin work soon. He has taken a job in the VA Hospital here in Memphis and will begin work Dec. 1.

We are ready to be of service any place we are needed for mission emphasis or pulpit supply. (Dr. Mac will have an 8-4 schedule and weekends free.) Our phone will be connected on Wednesday, so we can be reached easily. Our apartment is in Whitehaven just a few blocks off I-55, a left turn on Holmes Road leads to Bruins Plantation Condominium, where our place is located.

Dr. and Mrs. McGlamery  
1234 Chestfield  
Memphis, TN 38116

#### Gives Thanks For His Blessings

(NOTE: The following letter of gratitude was written last Thanksgiving, by a man crippled with arthritis. Above 80 years of age, he has not been able to walk at all in several years. He lives in a nursing home in Grenada, and expresses gratitude to God for his blessings.)

Dear Sir:

November 22 was Thanksgiving Day. I had turkey and all its trimmings, creamed potatoes, and spaghetti, a glass of milk to drink and a piece of sweet potato pie for dessert. In the afternoon my head nurse came into my room asking me which I wanted—an apple or an orange. I took the orange. She also brought a folder from a school child. In child's writing, it said, "Happy Thanksgiving!"

I have many things to make me thankful. I am thankful for a place like this to stay, for the nurses who see after my welfare. I am thankful for our nation where I can worship God any time and place I want to. I am thankful for the many good relatives and friends I have who write and visit me and cheer me up.

Most of all I am thankful for Jesus Christ who paid my sin debt and gave me the privilege of having a home in heaven with him eternally. I am thankful for the Bible which tells me about Jesus coming into this sin-cursed world and that He ascended to the Father where he is now interceding for me. When time ends and eternity begins I want to meet my Savior first of all, then my mother next. I don't think anyone else ever had it better than I had.

Richard Gattis McCorkle  
N. Miss. Retirement Home  
Grenada, Ms. 38901

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**INCREASE IN CRIME** — "Crime in the United States, January-June, 1974, as measured by the Crime Index offenses, increased 16 percent during the first six months of 1974 when compared to the first six months of 1973. The violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, as a group, increased six percent. Forcible rape was up eight percent, robbery and murder each increased five percent, while aggravated assault increased seven percent. The property offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, had motor vehicle theft were up 17 percent as a group. Larceny - theft increased 20 percent, burglary 16 percent and motor vehicle theft four percent. Large core cities having 250,000 or more inhabitants as a group reported a ten percent increase in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Crime in the suburban areas continued to increase with a rise of 21 percent. The rural areas reported an increase of 19 percent. Geographically, crime in the Southern States



#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The list of things-to-be-thankful-for is longer every year. I'm thankful to say:

When I see our firstborn go into our kitchen and cook his bride-to-be a good supper when she is sick or swamped with school work.

When we're scrubbing mildew off the house and our middleborn turns the water hose on his Dad and me and laughs, "I wouldn't do it if I didn't love you," finally turning the hose onto the house.

When we go grocery shopping and our lastborn, who works there and is on his break, follows us around as he drinks his coffee and stands around and cuts up with me while his Dad goes through the checkout line.

When these things, and other things like them, assuring blessing in other human relationships; happen, I'm thankful.

But this Thanksgiving I keep thinking beyond human relationships to a blessing folks chest themselves out of everyday. That's the blessing of forgiveness. I'm thankful I don't have to go on being sick in the pit of my stomach when I've been grossly selfish; that I don't have to keep on feeling hollow in my heart when I've turned away from an unlovely someone who needed someone to help; that I don't have to sit still in the throes of despair when I feel inadequate within myself; that I don't have to trudge on along down - the - middle - of - the - road when I've harmed Christ because I took the easy way out and did not take a stand on an issue; that I don't have to run in fear and in guilt, looking for a place to hide when I have been disobedient; on and on I could go, but you know the feelings because you have them yourself. They demand release and relief and restoration.

So, this Thanksgiving I'm thankful for forgiveness. I can bow in confession, petition, and repentance. Lifting my head forgiven, I can feel as clean as the blue sky, as smiling as a lovely child, as fragrant as a Thanksgiving kitchen, as warm as a crackling fire, as trusting as a friend whose hand touches my arm, as bouncing and bubbling as a stream, as calm as a sun-shellacked pond in summer. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

Increased 21 percent, the Western States 15 percent, the North Central States 14 percent, and the Northeastern States twelve percent. "Uniform Crime Reporting," Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oct. 3, 1974

**SWORDS VS. SUDS** — "Aircraft manufacturers have lodged strong complaints with the Air Force over their difficulties in procuring prime - quality aluminum sheets needed for military and aerospace hardware. The planemakers charge that the aluminum firms are diverting their output into consumer goods — particularly beer cans." NEWSEEEK, October 28, 1974

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### Men's Prayer Breakfast

An event of tremendous significance is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 30, when 525 Baptist men from all across the state will meet for a Prayer Breakfast at Jackson's Hilton Hotel.

Originally the breakfast had been planned for the Heidelberg Hotel, and an attendance of 1200 was anticipated. That hotel closed about two weeks ago, so the meeting had to be rescheduled.

The Hilton has the largest dining facility in town and its capacity is 525.

One of the co-hosts for the meeting will be Governor Bill Waller, a Baptist layman, who is a deacon at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Other hosts will be Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and representatives of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting might be called a kickoff for Baptist men's participation in the observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, which will begin the following Sunday.

For many years the Woman's Missionary Union in the churches has promoted the week of prayer and special offering. In recent years it has become a church-wide observance, with participation by the whole membership. As a result it has become one of the greatest mission offerings in the world today. Last year more than \$20,000,000 was given in the offering.

Now, in an effort to enlist the men more directly in the week of prayer and offering, the state convention, working with the Foreign Mission Board, is promoting meetings like this Prayer Breakfast, to help the men in the churches catch the same missionary vision which the women long have had. It is hope that the breakfast will so inspire and challenge the men, that they will go back home to lead their churches in the largest missionary concern they ever have had.

Leaders regret that the number attending the meeting had to be so drastically cut, but we must simply pray that the smaller group will be like Gideon's three hundred. May this be the group which leads to a mighty victory in the state, in the whole mission effort.

**LIVING TOGETHER IN A WORLD FALLING APART** by Dave and Neta Jackson (Creation House, \$1.95, paper, 304 pp.) The Jacksons are members of Reba Place Fellowship, a sixteen-year-old church-community in a changing neighborhood of Evanston, Illinois. This book is about church-community, and before writing it the authors visited twelve church-communities in various stages of growth. In the book they express their belief that "the church in community is a strategy for faithfulness and wholeness, from the first century through the 'last days'."

**WALK ON WATER, PETE!** by Lois Palau (Regal, 57 pp., paper, \$1.25) This is a book about Peter — the faltering follower, the denying disciple, but also a loving leader and a miraculous man of faith. Peter in the flesh had problems but Peter in the Spirit had potential. In this book the Latin American author shows how Peter is the big example of what we are and what we can be.

**KNOW YOUR CHILD** by Joe Temple (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 148 pp.) This book stresses in clear, "how to" language ways to train a child in the direction of his own God-given capabilities. Solutions for commonly encountered problems in the home are based on Biblical passages. It is an extremely practical book on child-raising.

**MORE BIBLE FINGER PLAYS** by Marian White (Baker, 64 pp., \$1.25, paper) A sequel to THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH FINGER PLAYS, this book also presents a variety of fascinating finger plays for young children. There are finger plays for both Old and New Testament stories and also a section on general subjects such as prayer.

**PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION FOR CHURCH GROUPS** by Amy Bolding (Baker, paper, 165 pp., \$1.95) These devotions for church groups are full of anecdotes, illus-

trations, and poetry. Each is preceded by an appropriate text of Scripture. The good variety includes devotions for Mother's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other special occasions.

**HOW TO LOVE** by Arthur A. Rimmer, Jr. (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 148 pp.) The writer gently but firmly points to what the Bible says about loving your wife, husband, kids, parents, neighbors, brother (and sister), enemy, and yourself. No ordinary run-of-the-mill comments, these are sharp and may hurt the ego — but they are practical.

**LOVE THERAPY** by Paul D. Morris (Tyndale House, paper, \$2.95, cloth \$4.95, 167 pp.) This book concerns itself with the application of Scripture to the treatment of psychological trauma. Recognizing the Bible as a medicine chest for spiritual and mental ills, it discusses such topics as the gift of counseling and the ministries of the Holy Spirit. It evaluates various therapeutic counseling techniques, emphasizing the healing power of "love therapy."

**BLESSINGS UNLIMITED** by George W. Weber (Revell, paper, 157 pp.) The author discusses the blessings to be had from walking closely with the Lord.

**STAUBACH—FIRST DOWN, LIFETIME TO GO** by Roger Staubach with Sam Blair and Bob St. John (Word, 304 pp. \$8.95) The Heisman trophy winner at Navy and Dallas Cowboys quarterback takes an objective view of life as he has experienced it in high school, the Naval Academy, in Vietnam, and in professional football. He points out that many of football's professionals are men of high moral character and gives a ringing Christian testimony in the final chapter.

**THE LOVE BUGS** by Richard Skiller (Nelson, paper, 155 pp., \$2.95) A study of the causes of venereal diseases.

### "In Everything Give Thanks"

In everything?

That's what the Bible says!

Even in sickness, in suffering, in distress, in reverses?

Yes, the Bible says everything!

When everything goes wrong, and all seems to turn against you?

Yes, the Scriptures make no exceptions.

It is not always easy to do. Sometimes, we shall have to give thanks through our tears, or through our hurts.

Yet, the Bible says everything.

Moreover, it says that "all things" work together for good to them that love the Lord, to those who are called according to his purpose.

Not everything is good. Some is bad, very bad. But God works through them

**UNCLE SAM** by James and Muri Hefley (Word, \$4.95, 272 pp.) This is the intriguing story of Wm. Cameron Townsend and the Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Mr. Townsend began as a Bible salesman in Guatemala in 1917 and is still going strong at 78. The Summer Institute of Linguistics, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, is now the largest linguistic organization in the world. Since 1935, the members have reduced to writing more than 500 languages previously unknown, and have translated portions of the Bible and other literature into most of them. This new book is more than a story of a work — it is the story of the man who began it all. The authors, who spent nine years in the research and writing for this volume, traveled to all the places where Mr. Townsend has worked.

**GOOD MORNING, LORD. Meditations for Modern Marrieds** by Louis O. Caldwell; **GOOD MORNING, LORD. Family Devotions** from Famous Hymns by Lindsey L. Terry; **GOOD MORNING, LORD. Devotions for the Quiet Time** by T. M. Chapp; **GOOD MORNING, LORD. Devotions for Boys**, by William C. Hendricks; (Baker, \$1.95 each) These small books (from 40 to 60 pp. each) are new additions to the GOOD MORNING, LORD devotional series. They are Scripture-based meditations, for the family.

**IF I CAN, YOU CAN** by Betty Lee Esses (Whitaker House, paper, 123 pp., \$2.35) This book is full of humor, wit, and practical wisdom for better family living. It is the story of hot-tempered Irish lass and an agnostic Jewish ex-captain who found nothing but problems in their marriage. One night she definitely decided to get a divorce; that same night he found his Messiah—Jesus Christ. When they turned their problems over to God, things started to happen. Here in this book you can see how some things every couple should know. (Forewords by Shiraz and Carrie Ten Boom).



## Carey Gets Greetings From India

Greetings from India arrived at William Carey College last week, a bit late, but intended for presentation during the school's first Founders Day celebration held on October 21.

Greetings came in the form of a letter from the president of Serampore College, Sarai K. Chatterji, to William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester. Serampore College was founded in 1818 by William Carey, a great British Baptist missionary to India. It was incorporated by royal charter in 1827.

Dr. Chatterji's letter read in part, "It is with great pleasure that I have heard that William Carey College will be celebrating its first Founders Day on Monday, October 21, 1974, and I send my cordial greetings and best wishes for this memorable occasion. I hope that the bond of fellowship that has been established between William Carey College and Serampore College will be maintained in the years to come."

"I also hope that in keeping with the high tradition of its past record of service as a Baptist institution and keeping in mind the motto of William Carey, 'Expect great things from God — attempt great things for God', that Carey College will continue to play a significant part in furthering the cause of Christian education."

The Serampore Players, William Carey College's dramatic performing group, has for many years borne the name of the college which William Carey had founded. Another link between the two institutions was formed during the last academic year when Mr. H. S. Banerjee, administrative assistant to the president of Serampore College, spent nine months on the Carey campus in Hattiesburg.

## Harperville Calls Harold Scott

Rev. Harold D. Scott has accepted the pastorate of Harperville Church (Scott). He leaves a 2½ year pastorate at Union Church, near Meridian.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His former pastorates include Byhalla, and associate pastor at 15th Avenue, Meridian.

He has been active in denominational work, especially associational, having served as moderator, board member and on numerous committees.

He and Mrs. Scott have three children, Mrs. Val G. Rosales, Jr. of Hattiesburg, Harold D. Scott, Jr. of Meridian, and Leslie, a student at Meridian Jr. College.

## Seminary Ensemble Sings At Carey

William Carey College hosted the outstanding Seminary vocal Ensemble from the School of Church Music at Southern Seminary for three performances on Thursday, November 15.

"Based in Louisville, Kentucky, the musicians were directed by Dr. Philip Landgrave," commented Carey School of Music dean, Dr. Donald Winters.

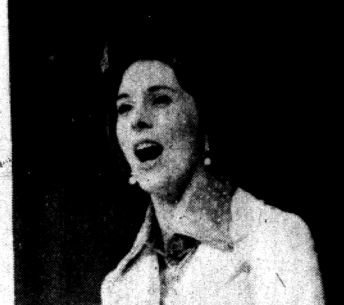
## Music At The State Convention



The Mississippi Singing Churchmen and Church Women presented the special music for the Tuesday evening session.



Nan Grantham, Broadmoor, Jackson, led the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and Singing Church Women in her own arrangement of "Victory in Jesus."



Kathy McNair, missionary appointee to India, presented inspirational music, singing "Redeemed, Redeemed," accompanied by her husband, Dr. John McNair.



Jimmy Cutrell, First, Gulfport, sang "I'll Be a Friend of His."



The choir of First Church, Jackson, directed by Larry Black, presented special music for the Wednesday evening session.



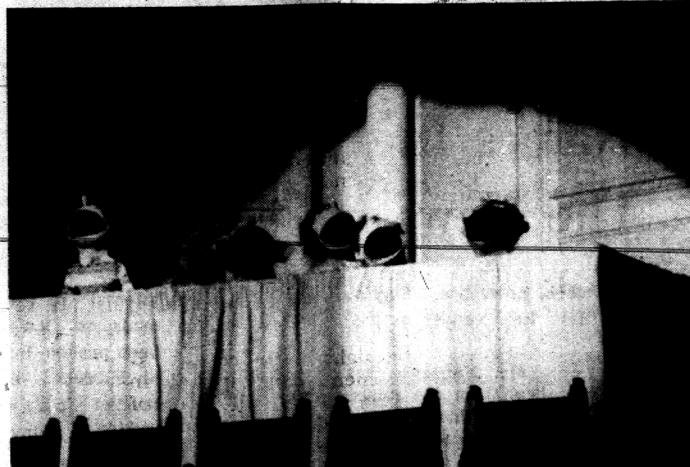
The Youth Choir of Belle Fountain Church, Ocean Springs, sang "Love Is a Man" and "There's Something About That Name," led by Kenneth Perry.



"The Creations," a men's trio of First Church, Greenville, sang "Sweeter Gets the Journey" and "It That Isn't Love."



Edwin McNeely, Newton, led the congregation in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed." (Dr. Neely, before retirement, was head of Southwestern Seminary's school of music.)



The Parkway Puppets of Parkway Church, Jackson, provided a unique inspiration for departure on Wednesday afternoon.



The Ladies' Ensemble from the Baptist Building sang a special arrangement of "The Solid Rock" and "I Love Thee, I Love Thee." They were directed by Nan Grantham.

## Southern And Southwestern?

By Joe W. Burton

A critical decision, confronted the little band of Baptists meeting Augusta, Georgia, in May 1945. It was proposed to name the new body they were forming the Southern and Southwestern Baptist Convention (bold-face added).

That was a logical suggestion. At the time it may have been an inevitable consideration. In those days the Southwest was remote, distance and rudely dissimilar from the settled regions along the seaboard.

The Southwest, centering in

Nashville and embracing the newly developing frontiers of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas, domiciled a vigorous people who must surely be heard. They had all of the aggressiveness which ever marks a frontier stock.

With keen perception and respectful attention, the delegates to the organizational sessions of Southern Baptists in Augusta gave mature thought to the seriously proposed name. They recognized the geographical, sociological and even emotional distinction

implied in the proposed "longer title."

Finally for two reasons they decided on the shorter name.

First, they agreed that the shorter term, Southern Baptist Convention, had the advantage in ease of common usage. Both in print and speech it would be much easier to say or write Southern Baptist Convention than the proposed Southern and Southwestern.

Second, they were assured that brethren in the Southwest would not take offense at the geographical omission in the formal title. It would cause no emotional problem in that developing frontier to adopt the short but inclusive name, Southern Baptist Convention.

## New Cost Recovery Services Added To Architecture Program

NASHVILLE — Two new cost recovery services in landscaping and acoustics are now being provided by the church architecture department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

With these new services churches can secure professional guidance and counsel relating to construction, remodeling or redecorating church building interiors, landscaping and building acoustics. The services will include on the site consultation and follow-up plans in these areas on a cost recovery basis.

"Since we introduced the interior design service last year, many South-

ern Baptist churches using that service also have asked for help in landscaping and acoustics," said Rowland Crowder, secretary of the board's church architecture department. "Due to the widespread request, we have added these two services in an effort to meet the architectural needs of our churches."

Churches desiring any of these services — interior design, landscaping and acoustics — should contact the Church Architecture Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234, or telephone (615) 254-5461.

## SCRAPBOOK

### Thanksgiving

I have found the color of Thanksgiving;  
It's the leaves of Autumn's gold;  
It's white frost on orange pumpkins;  
It's the gray in a Pilgrim's robe.

It's white steeples of the churches  
Reaching upwards to blue skies;  
It's speckled wild geese in formation  
As to yellow suns they fly.

It's the bronze of brown cypresses;  
It's the amber waves of grain;  
It's the neutral blessings of our Father  
On all colors just the same.

It's communion, praise and song  
Of "Bless This House O' Lord We Pray"  
It's turkey, cranberries at Grandmother's,  
That color Thanksgiving Day.

—Sarah Peugh

### I Thank Thee

For neighbors, Lord, who lend a hand,  
For friends and kin who understand,  
For "special" ones all through the land—  
I thank Thee, now.

For morning light and bird song clear,  
For silver strands on branches near,  
For all a fresh new day makes dear—  
I thank Thee, now.

—Lillian Peters Whitten

### On The Back Porch

Sitting on the back porch  
we used to hear him tell his  
"I remember whens"  
and laugh and say,  
it couldn't have been so — how they'd lived  
those cons ago.  
Then he'd take out his teeth  
and we knew it was so,  
like he said.

—Mark E. Leggett

### Sing Me Autumn's Song

Wind-tossed leaf bouquets  
color hillside gold and red,  
skies cry with wild geese  
winging southward to rice fields.  
Wild asters purple roadways,  
late butterflies flit  
on amber wings to blooms.  
seek nectar before death.

Pumpkins squat in fields  
waiting for November's chill.  
Dried cornstalks crackle when stirred  
by gusts blowing from the north.

As seasonal changes come  
a red bird flies by,  
sings me up to Autumn  
and Thanksgiving Day nears.

—Eunice Barnes

### Communication

Walk into the forest.  
Wander deep into the woods, 'till you're alone.  
Step Indian-soft on pine carpet.  
Search high into praying needle-tops, wind-blown.

Pine trees, like stairs, look up.  
They meet the traveling clouds, in pastoral art.  
Heaven and Earth are one, and the human spirit  
is welded by the Son of God to heaven's heart.

Possess this mystic moment.  
Ask Him what you will, for all Divinity cares.  
The pines! They sway, they hide your solitude.  
The woods are full of prayers.

—Violet Tackett

## 1975 Cooperative Program Budget

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

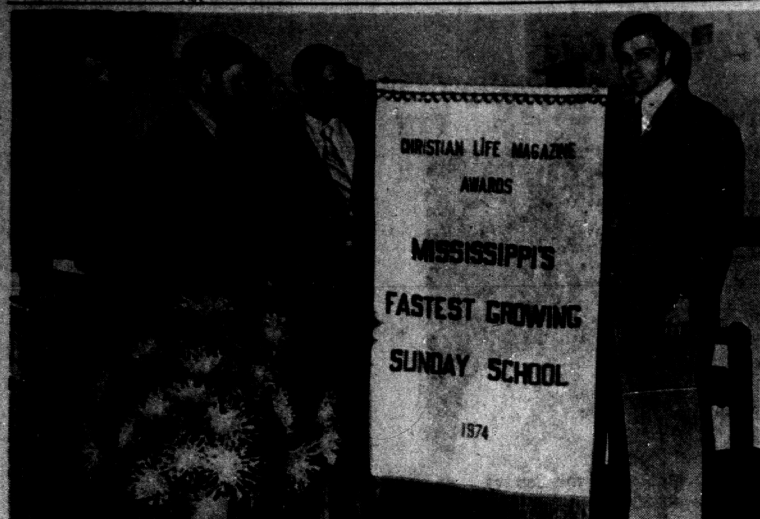
	1974 BUDGET	%	1975 BUDGET	%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$1,000,000	18.18	\$1,200,000	18.18
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAPT. NEEDS	230,000	4.18	230,000	3.48
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE	120,000	2.18	126,500	1.82
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION BOARD	45,000	.81	45,000	.68
BAPTIST HOSPITAL (HARDSHIP)	42,000	.76	45,000	.68
BAPTIST HOSPITAL (CAPT. NEEDS)	40,000	.72	40,000	.61
BAPTIST HOSPITAL (EDUCATION)	20,000	.37	20,000	.30
CHRISTIAN ACTION	54,800	.99	60,000	.91
BAPTIST FOUNDATION	50,100	.91	55,000	.83
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	12,500	.23	15,400	.23
WMU OPERATIONS	121,280	2.21	138,057	2.09
WMU PROGRAMS	29,000	.53	000	—
ANNUITY PARTICIPATION	280,000	5.09	303,000	4.59
BAPTIST RECORD	26,432	.48	30,000	.45
GULF SHORE CAPITAL NEEDS	200,000	3.64	200,000	3.03
SUNDAY SCHOOL	121,475	2.21	113,966	1.73
CHURCH TRAINING	97,210	1.77	107,875	1.63
BROTHERHOOD	74,225	1.35	86,843	1.35
CHURCH MUSIC	70,300	1.28	82,710	1.25
BSU (OPERATIONAL)	160,000	2.91	225,560	3.42
BSU CAPITAL NEEDS	40,000	.73	40,000	.61
COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES WITH NAT. BAPT.	98,460	1.79	38,825	.59
EVANGELISM	39,725	.72	50,950	.77
STEWARDSHIP	78,150	1.42	87,267	1.32
COOPERATIVE MISSIONS	109,868	2.00	143,910	2.18
ASSOCIATION SUBSIDIES	57,000	1.04	76,000	1.15
CHURCH BUILDING AID	11,000	.20	000	—
PASTORAL AID	5,000	.09	000	—
BUILDING SERVICES	34,500	.63	40,773	.62
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	350	.01	550	.01
SANATORIUM MINISTRY	900	.02	900	.01
PROMOTION & MISCELLANEOUS	5,000	.09	8,600	.13
BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	107,400	1.95	122,872	1.87
BAPTIST BUILDING CAPT. NEEDS	148,200	2.69	148,200	2.25
CONVENTION BOARD PROGRAM EXPANSION	32,015	.58	115,421	1.75
NEW MISSIONS	45,000	.82	000	—
SOCIAL SEC. & INS. (BOARD)	86,000	1.56	92,000	1.39
PRODUCTION OF MBCB FILM	000	.00	2,500	.04
YOUTH NIGHT	000	.00	66,469	1.04
MISS. BAPTIST SEMINARY	000	.00	36,270	.56
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	000	.00	23,600	.36
CHURCH ARCHITECTURE	000	.00	39,632	.54
CHURCH — MINISTER RELATIONS	000	.00	10,000	.15
CONVENTION SESSIONS	6,000	.11	18,000	.27
CONVENTION ANNUAL & DIARY	17,000	.31	29,000	.44
BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	82,700	1.50	88,995	1.35
EXECUTIVE SECTY.-TREAS.	83,300	1.51	89,355	1.36
BUSINESS OFFICE	20,000	.37	22,000	.33
SPECIAL PROGRAM PROMOTION	1,690,000	30.73	2,041,000	30.92
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	10,000	.18	12,000	.18
NORTHERN PLAINS	000	.00	000	—
TOTAL	\$5,625,000	100.00	\$6,600,000	100.00
LESS STATE MISSION OFFERING	125,000			
	\$5,500,000	100.00	\$6,600,000	100.00



### Embarkation Of The Pilgrim Fathers

Pilgrims kneel in prayer before departing for America aboard the Mayflower. The Pilgrims, a group who had broken with the Church of England and established their own church, had moved to Holland in the early 1600s to find religious liberty. In 1617 many in the group decided to move to the New World and several years later set sail, landing at Plymouth in December 1620. During that first Winter, almost half the colony perished. But they stayed on, planted crops and the following Fall, celebrated a day of thanksgiving to commemorate the harvest. (RNS Photo)





### First, West Point, Awarded Banner For Fastest Growing Sunday School In State

The fastest growing Sunday School in each state was announced at the massive Mid-America Sunday School Convention in Detroit's Cobo Hall before 14,000 delegates from every state in the union. Christian Life Magazine researched the Sunday Schools of America to find those that had a larger numerical growth in 1974 than the others of each state.

The award for the fastest growing Sunday School in Mississippi went to the First Baptist Church of West Point. The Sunday School average has gone from 260 in 1971 - 72 to 450 in 1972-73 to 603 in 1973-74. Rev. Joel E. Haire is pastor.

A large red and white satin banner was presented to a representative of each of the fastest growing churches on opening night of the Mid-America Sunday School Convention, November 7, at Cobo Hall. Sunday School Editor, Elmer Towns, who headed up the research awarded the banners.

The award is based on the fastest numerical average increase. Missions, chapels and Bible classes in rest homes were not counted. Two officials from each church signed the application and the files were available to the Sunday School Research Institute of Savannah, Georgia, who actually conducted the search.

## 1974 Convention Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, Rev. John Causey, Corinth, chairman, was presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in session Nov. 12-14, as follows:

### NO. 1—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Jackson and its new pastor, Franklin D. Pollard, has graciously extended to the Convention a warm welcome in the use of its beautiful facilities; and

WHEREAS, the staff and many individual members of the First Baptist Church have generously assisted messengers and visitors whenever needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our sincere appreciation to this beloved church and its staff for their warm welcome, gracious hospitality and Christian love.

### NO. 2—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF DAVID GRANT

WHEREAS, David Grant has served our convention as president for the past two years in a most excellent way; and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly and most efficiently as Director of Rebuild Gulfshore; and

WHEREAS, because of his effectiveness the convention has voted to proceed with the rebuilding of Gulfshore;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the messengers of this convention do hereby express their appreciation for dedicated leadership.

### NO. 3—RESOLUTION CONCERN-

### ING STARVING PEOPLE

WHEREAS we have numerous reports in the mass media of multitudes of starving people in certain sections of the world; and

WHEREAS Baptists have always attempted to express concern in meeting human needs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we urge our churches to be more prayerfully concerned for the starving and undernourished people of the world and to channel any financial response resulting from their concern through the Foreign Mission Board.

### NO. 4—RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, violence has become a way of life for many Americans with untold damage to people, principles and property; and

WHEREAS, this gore-nography or the glorification of violence is common through the mass media—news, papers, television and movies; and WHEREAS we, as Christians, are concerned about the causes and fruits of violence that has many roots and many faces; and

WHEREAS, though the church is caught up in a culture that promotes violence, the church may transcend that culture;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we caution families to be alert to the insidious subtle influences that foster and encourage violent behavior;

2. That we encourage pastors and other church leaders to teach the biblical alternative to violence—namely, to be reconciled to God and each other;

## Names In The News

Rev. Dan Nelson is currently

enrolled as a second-year student

at New Orleans Seminary,

where he is a candidate for the

Master of Divinity degree.

Recently he transferred from

Golden Gate Seminary in Mill

Valley, Calif., he preached in

25 revivals while in school

there. In the past, Mr. Nelson

has been pastor of Seminary

Church in Perry County. For

supply preaching, revivals, or

possible consideration for the

pastorate, he may be contacted

at 4009 Mirabeau Avenue, New

Orleans, La. 70126 (phone 504-

288-0275).

J. Mark Thompson, a student

at Medical College of Virginia

(MCV) here, has been selected

to spend eight to 10 weeks in

Gaza as part of the Southern

Baptist Foreign Mission Board's

medical reception program. A

medical reception is a third- or

fourth-year medical student

who works without salary with

physicians and other medical

personnel in a mission station.

Thompson expects to receive the

doctor of medicine degree in

1976. The son of Mr. and Mrs.

Luther Joe Thompson of Rich-

mond, he was born in Nashville,

Tenn., and lived in Jackson,

Miss., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. Joe Holcomb is available

for interim pastorate or as a

preacher in revival meetings.

Rev. G. C. Johnson of Southern

Heights Church, Tupelo, writes

"Brother Joe has an intense

interest in lost souls, as has

been proven by his success in

several past-

orates. Many

souls have

come to know

Jesus in tent revival meetings

where he has preached, as well

as in churches where he has

been pastor." For more infor-

mation about Mr. Holcomb, con-

tact Rev. G. C. Johnson, Route

2, Box 337-F, Tupelo, MS 38801

(phone 842-7428, Tupelo).

Jayess Church, Lawrence County, has called Rev. Rex Yancey as pastor.

Mr. Yancey has been in the ministry for nine years, serving as pastor for six years and then in full-time evangelism.

He is presently attending New Orleans Seminary and is on the church field during weekends.

He and his wife, the former Ellen Pascur, are from Tupelo. They have two children, Lee and Lori.

Sylvarena Church of Wesson has begun the Deacon Rotation Plan. Four new deacons were ordained Oct. 1. They were, left to right, Claude Lowery, G. N. Case, Jimmie James, and J. R. Edwards. Rev. M. Wayne Griffith is pastor.

Mrs. Joyce Shuford, Coordinator, Occupation and Training Information Service, Office of Governor Bill Waller, recently visited Blue Mountain College, where she addressed the student body and held conferences with students. Sharing some Blue Mountain material with Mrs. Shuford, center, is Mrs. Sibyl Warren, right, Dean of Students; and Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president.

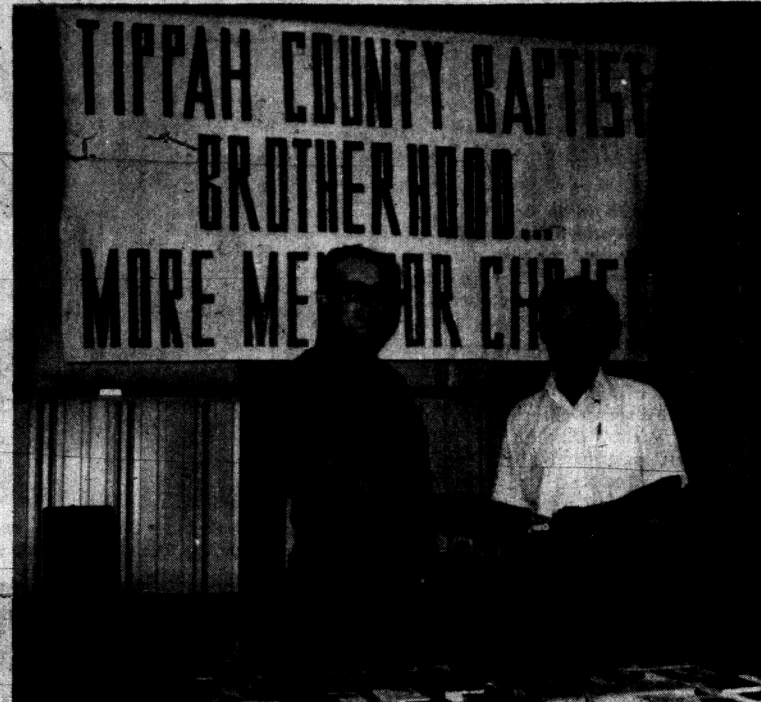
Mrs. Willie Boteler, pictured, recently received a pin for nine years perfect attendance in Sunday School at Briar Hill Church, Rankin County. L. T. Freeman, the Adult Sunday School director, is shown as he presented the pin to her.

MBCB Presents Check To Providence

On March 28, 1974, Providence Church (Grenada) was destroyed by fire. The church made an official request of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for relief funds to aid in rebuilding. Unanimously, their request was voted by the Executive Committee of the Board. Sunday evening, October 27, Dr. John Lee Taylor, at right above, Board member from Granada Association, presented the check to the Providence Church. Accepting the gift for the church were, left to right, Bill Worsham, Chairman, Building Committee; Monroe Williams, Chairman of Deacons; and Rev. Archie Fleming, pastor. This gift is one example of the many ways Mississippi Baptists aid each other in sharing Christ's love.

MUSIC WINNERS — The Mississippi College music department had two winners in the recent student competition held in conjunction with the Mississippi Music Teachers Association meeting hosted by Belhaven College. Jerry Ashtman (seated) of Columbia, was the first place winner in the piano-orchestra competition, while Douglas Polk (standing left) of Prentiss took third place in the voice-orchestra division. They are pictured with their teachers, Miss Mary Berner, assistant professor of voice, and Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate professor of piano. (M. C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

Hubert Greer is the new minister of music at First Church, Mendenhall, Rev. James E. Smith, pastor. He is pictured above with his wife, Delores, and children: Becky, 15, Jewell, 12, and Ronald, 9. They moved on November 15. Formerly he had served as music minister for First, Piquette, five years, and Collins Church, three years. Born and reared at Tylertown, Mr. Greer graduated from Collins and Carey College. He has recorded an album titled "Bless This House."



At the Tippah County Fair in Ripley, officials offered the associational Brotherhood space for a booth. Baptist Men of First Church, Ripley (Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor) set up the booth and manned it. They distributed around 4,000 tracts furnished by the state Brotherhood Department. The above photo shows Robert Nance, Men's director at First, Ripley, presenting a tract to another member of the church, I. L. Deen.

3. That while violence covers much more than crimes in the street, auto traffic deaths, rioting, et al, we commend law enforcement officials and the leaders of our state and communities who are working toward building a climate of resolving all sorts of community tensions in non-violent ways; and

4. That we encourage churches, pastors and associations to engage in some definite violence awareness effort to the end that ways may be found to make each home and community free of violence.

5. We commend the Christian Action Commission in being a catalyst to provide resources for pastors, churches, and associations in a violence awareness campaign.

Each of the above Resolution, in order, were adopted.

### NO. 5—RESOLUTION CONCERNING NAME CHANGE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Resolutions Committee decision was not to report this resolution out of committee because:

We question the propriety of such action at this time because (1) the SBC committee is a study committee (2) should name change action be proposed at the SBC in Miami Beach, and this convention desire to express opinion, there would be ample opportunity to do so at a later date, prior to any final action of the SBC.

Dr. Howard Aultman, Columbia, who introduced the Resolution concerning Name Change of the SBC, moved that the Resolution be reconsidered and his motion passed. The original Resolution was read and after some discussion, was adopted as follows:

### RESOLUTION RE: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION NAME CHANGE

WHEREAS, Mississippi Southern Baptist churches and the Mississippi

Baptist Convention form a vital part of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the Southern Baptist Convention to the extent of its priority in size and effectiveness for Christ around the world, while being called Southern Baptists, and

WHEREAS, a movement is now in effect to change the name of our Southern Baptist Convention for whatever cause, and

WHEREAS, we believe that such proposed change would be detrimental to our effectiveness in witness for Christ, both in America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the beloved name, "Southern Baptists," continues to bear image of faithfulness to God's Word, and is a good name; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that certain independent Baptist groups are eager to appropriate the name, "Southern Baptists," to themselves if said Convention ever changes its name to their own benefit of attraction, and

WHEREAS, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold," and

WHEREAS, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed a committee to consider such action for report of its next meeting in Miami, Florida,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mississippi Baptist Convention register its opposition to the proposal of any change in our name; and that a copy of this resolution be accorded the membership of this special committee, and

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Sunday School Lesson: International

# Anticipating A New Beginning

By William J. Falls  
Isaiah 40; Galatians 4:1-6

With this lesson we begin the second half of our six-month study under the title "The Living God - Seek's Man." For three months we have traced that idea through writings and personalities of the Old Testament; now we will follow it through the New Testament. Today's lesson is a sort of bridge or transition, with Bible passages selected from Isaiah and Galatians. God's purpose for man had been brought to focus in the faith and daring of Abraham as he responded to God's challenge. His offspring became the chosen people, who accepted God's covenant offer but often reneged on their obligations. First the Northern and then the Southern Kingdom collapsed and many people were forced into exile. All their bright hopes seemed dimmed forever.

The Lesson Explained  
**GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE**  
(Isa. 40:1-2)  
In 587 B.C. Jerusalem was destroyed.

ed by the Babylonians. Jeremiah was there, and Ezekiel was already in exile in Babylon. When the third deportation occurred in 582, the Jews appeared to have been erased from the world scene as a nation. During the next forty years some of the exiles prospered, but living conditions were affected sharply by varying attitudes of the Babylonian rulers. When the Persians under Cyrus captured Babylonian rulers. When the Persians under Cyrus captured Babylon, in 539 B.C., he decreed that the Jews could return to their homeland.

Isaiah 40 to 55 is thought by many scholars to reflect the period immediately before the Persian conquest of Babylon. While the people were still in captivity, the prophet sensed a big change on the way. He also knew the word from the Lord was one of comfort and forgiveness. During their years of exile they had been reminded often of their sinful ways back home which had led to their captivity. But now the prophet had been told to comfort the people, to speak "tenderly" to those who represented Jerusalem. Not only had their term of punishment come to an end, but their "iniquity is pardoned." Now they

could face the future with a clear conscience.  
**GOD STRENGTHENS THE WEAK**  
(ISA. 40:27-31)

Isaiah 40 is one of the great chapters of the Bible, and its ending may be better than its beginning. In verse 27 the prophet uses two parallels to repeat the complaint of the people that the Lord had not noticed their plight. How could they say such a thing, the prophet wonders. Then he describes the vast compassion of the Lord. He is not a tribal deity to be overburdened with little problems; he is "creator of the wide world," and he never gets tired. He stretches far beyond our comprehension.

Not only does the Lord possess power; he is also ready to give it. While the strong men of the world may be the favorites of their gods, the Lord empowers the weary and the exhausted. Even young men can use up their strength, but all who "wait upon the Lord" will have renewed energy and stamina. One Hebrew scholar says the word for "renew" really means to exchange; so human weakness can be exchanged for God's strength. The exiles would soon be faced with the possibility of returning to the Promised Land; both young and old would have difficulties in leaving Babylon and making the long journey homeward. Whatever their problem, the prophet promised the Lord's strength to meet their need - to fly, to run, even to walk.

**GOD SENT HIS SON** (Gal. 4:1-6)

So far as this lesson is concerned, the key verse of this passage is verse 4. In the previous verses Paul is illustrating the role of law in human life. The first two verses mean that so long as a son is a minor, he is no better off than a slave so far as the estate is concerned; but when the fixed date is reached, he will inherit what was his all along. So, mankind, while ruled by the rudimentary principles of world, was waiting for the "fixed date." That was the "fulness of the time" - the focus of God's eternal intention - which meant "God sent forth his Son." At that point God's search for man moved from the Old into the New Testament, from promise into fulfillment, from hope into reality. Jewish exiles and all men who believed would be moved by the Spirit of the Son to call out as sons to their Father.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# The Results Of Giving

II Corinthians 9:1-15  
By Bill Duncan

A man there was, tho' some did count him mad,  
The more he cast away, the more he had;  
He that bestows his goods upon the poor,  
Shall have as much again, and ten times more.

(John Bunyan)

This scripture that we are going to study teaches us that in reality we do not need to go around telling of our goodness if we are good. We do not need to tell of our liberality if we are liberal. Our reputation comes as a result of either being good or being liberal.

Christians have always held that in financial religion must have the first place. This is for many reasons. (1) Money exists for God's sake. Everything we have should help to produce a spiritual growth.

(2) Our good loyalties need to be checked by our best in giving. (3) The acid test of our sincerity is how we give. Our talk is cheap unless our money talks of commitment. (4) When religious giving elips, religious living slips. People are saved through giving from self-centeredness, narrowness, and smallness.

Paul had bragged on the Christians in Corinth everywhere he went because of their readiness to take this offering and his assurance that it would be generous. The goal was to get all the churches organized by Paul to send an offering to the mother church in Jerusalem to help the poor in the area. Now in I Corinthians, Paul seems to have second thoughts about the readiness and generosity of the Corinthians. The time was fast approaching when he wanted to take the money collected from the churches with him to the poverty stricken Christians. Therefore, he urges the Corinthians to finish the offering. In this passage he speaks as if he did not want to be embarrassed or to deliver an offering unbecoming of Christian generosity.

This lesson really fits our churches. Southern Baptists have much "to brag" about. We are considered a great denomination. But in a recent year our per capita gift was \$73.34 or \$8.11 per month. If Paul had been writing to a present day Southern Baptist Church, I do not think he would have been so free with his confidence in our generosity.

Our churches are not so generous when you get down to it either. The churches divide their receipts between themselves and missions and keep about 84% for themselves. They only send about 16% including all offerings for mission causes.

There has been a lot of discussion among scholars concerning the chapters 8 and 9 of II Corinthians. Some believe they are from two letters written at different times. But chapter nine naturally follows chapter 8 by the conjunction of 9:1 "Now". Chapter nine concentrates on one point, namely that the Corinthians endeavor to ensure that the collection is a generous one.

**READINESS**

Paul begins this chapter with half an apology for writing the Corinthians church. They had long known about the offering and knew what they ought to do. But on the other hand, while they had commenced to organize a collection in the previous year, they

had almost certainly ceased their efforts. It is most likely that because there had been some hostility toward Paul, it had resulted in depriving the Palestinian Christians of help which the Corinthians could well afford to give.

Now he is sending some men to help organize the collection. This seemed necessary in order to keep the Macedonians from coming with Paul and finding that the church, whose example had been quoted to them, had given a miserly contribution.

If this happened, the church would be embarrassed and so would Paul. Therefore, he sent his fellow ministers to ensure that the gift of the church may be ready, "Not as an exaction—a gift extorted from against their will—but as a willing gift." This would be a blessing, insuring from love responsive to divine grace. Which will lead to the joy as well as help of the recipients.

Paul says in verse 5 that the only reason the offering might not be generous would be because of covetousness. This would indicate the idea that promoting a heavy offering when the people would be embarrassed if they did not give generously would be extortion rather than a free act of moral choice.

**GENEROUSLY**

Paul enumerates reasons for generous giving to the cause that it is in view. (1) He placed the matter on giving on a return basis. Giving is like sowing seed. The more seed is scattered the greater will be the harvest. To give little is to reap little - both in one's own life and that of others. (2) The second reason for giving generously is that God is able to provide in abundance those material resources for your own need and enough to provide in abundance. Our of the abundance one may give to others in a manner which matches God's abundant giving to you. (3) The third reason for generous giving is to bring thanksgiving to God. The Lord who enriches his people with ability for great generosity will also bring about a harvest of thanksgiving to God.

The Corinthians will be able to glorify God by their obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by their generosity of contribution.

No man is ever the loser because he is generous. The man who sows with a generous hand will in due time reap a generous return. The Bible does not promise the wealth of money. But the generous giver does have the promise of wealth of the heart and spirit. Most people who are generous in giving are rich in love. The man whose heart runs out to others will always find that the hearts of others run out to him. They day will come when he may need the help of others and others will give him help.

To give reluctantly or under compulsion is out of keeping with the Christians' experience of God and with the teaching of the Bible. "God loves a cheerful giver" (from Greek translation of Prov. 22:9) and the Christian knows that that is the spirit in which God has ever trusted his children.

Giving generously on the part of Christians does three things for these persons. (1) It does something for others. It relieves the needs of others which in turn restores their faith in their fellowmen which brings thanksgiving to God. (2) It does something for the giver. When one gives he gives a profession of faith that Christianity is not just words. This profession of faith wins both the love and prayer of others. One's attitude of generosity helps to establish fellowship. (3) It does something for God. When we are generous toward God we bring joy to His heart. Men also see our deeds and they glorify God in thanksgiving.

## Iuka Galls

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Stanley Magill, pastor of New Prospect Church in Tishomingo County for the past 8 1/2 years, had been called as associate pastor of Iuka Church.

Mr. Magill is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and received his master's degree from the University of North Alabama. He is married to the former Martha Booth of Burnsville and they are the parents of two children. Mr. Magill is also affiliated with the Iuka Separate School System.

Mr. Magill will serve the Yellow Creek Baptist Mission which is sponsored by the Iuka Baptist Church and is near the beginning of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. He will also provide leadership for outreach and mission emphasis at the Iuka Church.

Rev. Charles Dampeer is pastor.

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## Metropolitan Church Forum Held

A Metropolitan Church Forum attended by directors of missions from over the state was held recently at the Baptist Building and sponsored by the Hinds-Madison Association. Several leaders attending were, from left, standing: Rev. Tom Bourne, pastor Birchwood Baptist Church, Independence, Mo.; Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions Department; Dr. Paul Stevens of New Orleans Seminary; Rev. Kenneth Lyle, Associational Services, New York City. Seated: Dr. Bobby Adams, also of the seminary; Rev. Fred Tarpley, director of missions for Hinds-Madison Association, and Rev. J. C. Renfro, director of missions of Rankin Association.



## BBI Alumni Reorganize

Baptist Bible Institute alumni serving in Mississippi elected Derral J. Foreman ('72) as their president at their re-organizing luncheon, November 12, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He is pastor of Pulaski Church.

Jim Morgan, pastor of Northwest Hills Church, Jackson, was elected vice-president. Mrs. Derral J. Foreman was elected secretary-treasurer. She serves as Finance Secretary at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr., Dean

of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida represented the faculty and administration at the luncheon.

There were 40 present at the luncheon.

## Green Preaches In Nigeria

ZARIA, Nigeria - L. E. Green, a retired Baptist minister from Mississippi, was the keynote speaker at the 13th annual Baptist Pastors' Conference held in Kaduna.

According to Southern Baptist missionary James A. Yarbrough, Green is a Bible scholar and teacher. Green has held several positions in the Mississippi Baptist State Convention as well as in the Southern Baptist Convention. He lectured on the Old Testament book of Job and preached the morning sermons.

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## Society Hill To Celebrate Sesquicentennial

Society Hill Church (Jeff Davis) at Oak Vale, will observe its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary on Sunday, December 1. Dr. Claude L. Howe, Jr., professor of church history, New Orleans Seminary, will be guest speaker for the morning service.

Other activities for the day include ole-fashioned day with dinner on the grounds, followed by an afternoon music service led by Russell and Jean Willingham, of 19th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

Also included in the afternoon service will be a noteburning ceremony for the pastorum. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited. Rev. Tom McCurley is pastor.

## Choctaws Baptized At Philadelphia

East Philadelphia Church was the scene November 17 of a Choctaw Indian baptismal service when three Choctaw congregations baptized seven candidates. Doltan Haggan, home missionary to the Indians, baptized one, and Arthur Bend, Choctaw pastor, baptized six. Dolphus Henry, Choctaw pastor of Corinth Church, was in charge of the service.

Olyn Roberts, pastor of East Philadelphia, and his wife Eloise, had never witnessed an Indian baptismal service before, and they report that it was for them a rich spiritual experience to get to attend. One of the Indians baptized was a lady over 70 years of age.

East Philadelphia donated gas heaters to Rev. Arthur Bend's mission. The mission has need of about two dozen Broadman Hymnals which may be mailed to East Philadelphia Baptist Church, P. O. Box 304, Philadelphia, Ms. 39350.

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## "The Cooperative Program"

By D. J. Benson, Pastor, West Laurel Church

John the Baptist said, "Now the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore, every tree which bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." It is easy to see the sense of this analogy in that one would only cut down a non-producing tree. Certainly the axe would never be used against that tree producing good fruit. As with people, so with programs. If a person or program is being used of God, no one in their right mind would think of abandoning or discarding that which works to the glory of God. It is unthinkable that a farmer would cut down the very tree that produced good fruit. This sort of thing would be done by an enemy and not the owner or true workman.

The cooperative program can be likened to a tree bringing forth good fruit because it has served Southern Baptists as a great channel through which we have furthered our Lord's work on earth. Many in our convention have said, until a better program or method can be shown us, we would be foolish to bench what we are sure was brought forth under the leadership of God's Holy Spirit.

The cooperative program has not only proved itself a good and worthy means of promoting missions both at home and in the world, but it has withstood the clamor of evil men as well as those who are sincere in their opposition. It is understandable that for some who have not acquainted themselves with the cooperative program, they might, through lack of knowledge, be misled about its workings. Often, we tend to reject outright what we do not understand. Then some are influenced by haters of our convention. When unfair and biased statements are made by those who hate us, then those who refuse to make their own investigation naturally are going to be carried away by false and untrue propaganda.

As a pastor, I have heard some of the most absurd criticism against this program. If it were true, then those of us who support it would be fools. I resent those who leave the impression that we do not have sense enough to know what we are doing. Then there will always be those sincere and honest minded folks, who just believe differently about the support of our convention programs. Thank God that we are a democratic people. Thank God that we are autonomous, and all decisions are governed by the majority. Therefore, since the cooperative program must stand upon its own merit, if it wasn't a proven vessel in God's hand, honest and spirit led churches wouldn't support it. But often the voice of a few is seen to intimidate the majority who despise arguing and fighting. But our greatest danger is allowing the few to destroy and hinder the great work of our Lord regardless of the issue. I firmly believe that the cooperative program best helps us to serve in this unified way as we pool our resources to work together. Let us all give that we all may work together for Him.

### Thrill Of Outreach

#### Goes On And On

In 1969, Edward Kimble, a Sunday School teacher from Boston, won to Christ a shoe clerk — Dwight L. Moody.

Mr. Moody brought to Christ Frederick B. Meyer, who was to lead in YMCA work. Through this YMCA job, Mr. Meyer, came in contact with an alcoholic baseball player, Billy Sunday and won him to Jesus.

Billy Sunday, one of the greatest preachers of all time, won to Christ — Mordecai Ham.

While preaching a great revival in Charlotte, N. C., Mordecai Ham got down on his knees and brought to Jesus a young man, Billy Graham.



Molly, Dolly, and Johnny the Baptist

## Fairchilds Leave For Evangelistic Tour Of India

Elven ("Al") Fairchild and his wife Molly and 14-year-old daughter, Ruth, of Moselle, are leaving on Thanksgiving Day for a three-month evangelistic tour of India.

Another daughter, Ann Marie, will join them in February. The mother and daughters will present the gospel message through ventriloquism. Mr. Fairchild, a former pastor, is now an

## Annuity Board To Mail Statements

Dallas — More than 30,000 Member Statements are being distributed to participants in the church retirement programs available through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Harold S. Bailey, vice president of development — churches for the Annuity Board, said the annual statements will be mailed from Dallas or distributed by annuity secretaries in the various state conventions.

Each individual who participates in one of the plans administered by the Board will receive an accounting of his participation as of August 31, 1974. Bailey said the individual statements show (1) the retirement and insurance plans in which the member is participating; (2) contributions being paid into the plans; (3) the member's current standing in the retirement plan; and (4) an estimate of the potential benefits payable to the

## Southwestern Constructs "New" Price Hall

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has constructed a "new" Price Hall without having to tear the old religious education building down.

For the last six months, workmen have ripped out the old facilities of J. M. Price Hall and replaced them with completely new, modern rooms and equipment. Seminary officials believed the new facility has been designed to meet the needs of training in religious education for the next twenty-five years.

As a result of the renovation, several classrooms have been added, the



## Day Of Thanks At Clarke College

Tuesday, November 26, was observed as a Day of Thanks by students, faculty and staff members on Clarke College campus, according to Mrs. A. L. McLaughlin, Dean of Student Affairs. The day began with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., led by the BSU.

As students entered the cafeteria for breakfast they were given appropriate Scripture selections provided by the Women's Residence Hall Council members. These verses were used to create an atmosphere of thankfulness.

Students and college personnel were given reminder tags to wear designed to stimulate expressions of gratitude to each other for friendships and other collegiate relationships. This phase of the program was promoted by Admissions Director Mike Miller.

There was a noonday call to silent giving of thanks. The sound of a trumpet

echoed over the campus at 12 noon and persons hearing the call paused for a brief moment of silent giving of thanks.

The day's singingspiration period was built around the Thanksgiving theme.

The Day of Thanks schedule of activities closed with a Harvest Dinner in the College Cafeteria. Dorm students were guests at 4:30. Faculty, staff members and married students were guests at 5:30.

Thanksgiving holidays for the college began on November 27. President W. L. Compere and Academic Dean Victor R. Vaughn commended those in charge of plans for the Day of Thanks and expressed the feeling that because of the day's experiences students would go from the campus better prepared to enter into the spirit and objectives of the original Thanksgiving Day.

the building, a curriculum lab, a new faculty lounge and an attempt at energy conservation is reflected in the lighting and climate control systems.

Jack Terry, dean of the School of Religious Education, feels that the new facilities will allow him and his staff "to continue in the pioneer spirit that has distinguished the School of Religious Education since its beginning in 1915."

Southwestern Seminary's School of Religious Education, the first among Southern Baptists, is the second oldest school of its kind in the United States.

## Role Of Women Changing On Foreign Mission Field

RICHMOND, Va. — Woman and their role in missions is the special topic of the November issue of "The Commission" magazine, a monthly publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Part of the changing role of women involves their election by fellow missionaries as chairman (administrative heads) of missions. Each country's organization of Southern Baptist missionaries has been traditionally headed by men. The women have traditionally been homemakers, educators or nurses.

Currently two women serve as mission chairmen, Mrs. Robert N. Bellinger of Liberia and Miss Janie Short of Hong Kong. Mrs. L. Parks Marler of Mississippi has just completed her term of service as mission chairman in Guam.

As chairmen of Baptist missions,

these women are communications liaisons between missionaries serving on the field and their area secretary at the Foreign Mission Board here. They are also residing officer at their respective executive committee meetings. The executive committee takes care of the mission's business between annual mission meetings. At times the chairman may be called upon to be the mission's spokesman to the government of the country in which they serve.

Mrs. Marler, appointed as a homemaker, is the former Martha Ellen Townsend. A native of Harperville, Miss., she attended Ouchita Baptist College (now University), Arkadelphia, Ark., and was graduated from East Central Junior College, Decatur, Miss.; Mississippi College, Clinton; and New Orleans (La. Baptist Theological Seminary).

## Texas Leader Refutes Reports That Book Is Pornography

DALLAS (BP) — A Texas Baptist leader says a news story "grossly misrepresents the truth" in stating that a handbook his agency circulated for pastors on opposing pornography may be banned as pornography.

James Dunn, secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, sharply refuted reports that the book did not get a good reception. He said it drew only three protests.

The story, circulated nationally by wire services, said, "Ministers began calling the office almost immediately saying they were appalled at the book's vivid description and frank language."

The 190-page paperback entitled "Pornography: The Sexual Mirage," was part of a packet mailed to 4,200 Texas pastors to aid them in urging their congregations to oppose pornography.

Author John W. Drakeford, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., said descriptions were necessary to portray the grossness of pornography.

"How can we expect the American people to effectively combat the problem of pornography if they have no factual knowledge of its devastating effects, both physical and psychological?" Drakeford said.

The book, on sale in book stores for more than a year, was published by

Thomas Nelson Inc., Nashville, Tenn. The company's senior editor, Bill Cannon, said in Nashville, "We are not in the business of pornography. No respectable publisher would be."

Cannon said the book, written by Drakeford and illustrated by Jack Hamm of Dallas, carries the theme that pornography does not bring erotic fulfillment, but brings "decadence to all concerned."

He said the book was far from a sex manual, containing no four-letter words and no illustration of sexual acts. He said it "deals in very clear language" and probably was the first contact protestors had "with how dangerous, how decadent, hardcore pornography is."

Cannon added that Baptists in a Southern state, which he declined to name, have had copies printed for distribution in the future.

"Actually there were no phone calls at all in opposition," Dunn said. On the other hand there were dozens of calls, personal comments and letters praising the book for its usefulness, he added.

"Only three of the 4,200 Texas Baptist pastors wrote letters indicating any problems with the book."

Dunn does not expect any mention of the book during the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Oct. 29-31, in Amarillo.

## Urgent Needs Still Exist In Drouth-Stricken Africa

By Bonita Sparrow

FORT WORTH (BP) — The sudden agony of the Honduras hurricane survivors and their immediate needs may have dimmed, somewhat, memory of the continuing human tragedy of the drouth-stricken Sahel area of Africa.

"They've had almost normal rainfall this year (in the Sahel area) and the five to six year drouth has been broken," said Rosser McDonald, television producer for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth. McDonald has just returned from a two-week filming session in three countries — Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta — and said urgent needs still exist in the stricken countries of the Sahara Desert and the African rain forest.

The Honduras agony is recent. The African anguish has continued over a five or six year period "and it may rank as one of the largest disasters in human history, in the number of lives lost," says McDonald.

He reports conservative estimates indicate that "an absolute minimum of 100,000 people, probably closer to a minimum of a quarter-million people, have died as a result of the drouth."

Final figures are difficult to total because of the lack of communications and the few census rolls in the villages of the countries involved.

McDonald was in the Sahel to produce a film that the Agriculture Missions Foundation (AMF) and the Universal Concerns Foundation (UCF) will use to help raise money to aid rebuilding and recovery efforts in the area.

The two organizations are composed of concerned people — including immediate past SBC president Owen Cooper — interested in fostering self-help projects through missionaries.

"Some of the money raised will be used for direct relief, but the AMF and the UCF interest is more along the lines of rehabilitation and development projects," McDonald said.

He said he found this year's rainy season in the Sahel to be normal and "unless something unexpected occurs, there should be almost normal crops this year."

The worst cases of starvation have been stopped, he said, thanks to huge amounts of food shipped into the

area from many nations. (More than one-third of the food reportedly came from the United States.)

McDonald reported that this year's crop will prevent starvation "for the immediate future" but said people "will probably run out of grain before the next crop, because it takes two or three good years of rain to put you back just to where you were before the drouth began."

Some of the things that could be done to help the 25 million people in the six drouth-stricken countries of the Sahel include irrigation methods, a study of the most productive and practical crops, new techniques in agriculture and animal husbandry — as well as stock and seed — and a reforestation program to provide trees that also help hold moisture in the ground.

McDonald said he discovered "a great need for deeper and larger wells in the areas, for supplies and technical assistance to build permanent reservoirs which would result in raising the water table of the land and increase the lifetime of the wells."

The reforestation program is needed because "trees in the area not only suffered from the drouth but from the damage done by herdsman who stripped them of their foliage to feed the cattle."

Even though the rains have been good this year, the situation is still desperate, Southern Baptist missionary, Farrell Bunyan, told McDonald. Runyan and his family live and work in Dakar, Senegal.

"As Christians, we cannot turn our backs. Christian love and concern compels us to help these people — just because they need it so desperately."

"And, helping people in such great need offers a tremendous opportunity for us to witness to them and tell them about Jesus and his love for them," Runyan said.

### The Secret Of Success

A man is tallest on his knees. In that position he stretches clear up into heaven itself. The man who most nearly brings his life into complete harmony with God is the one who excels as the servant of God. The humblest among us may avail as much as any other in our efforts to tap the power of God and to apply it to the redemption and salvation of the world. — Howard E. Kershner

## Providence Calls Rev. Harry Gipson

Rev. Harry Gipson has accepted a call from Providence Church of Pearl, to become pastor. He formerly was pastor of Gum Springs Church, Simpson County, for over five years.

During the past year he has been actively involved in evangelistic work, holding revivals throughout the state and filling a number of pulpits.

Mr. Gipson is married to the former Glenda Cliburn of Mendenhall. They have one son, Scott, age 3. They now live in Pearl at 411 Toni Lane.

Providence was begun as a mission in 1970, the mother church having been Grandview Church, Jackson. The work there continues to grow steadily. The church is located off of Pearson Road at Pearl. Along with a new pastor, they have called a full-time music director, Stanley Taylor, Jr., and a new pianist, Melanie Townsend.

## Baptist Hour December Topics

"What men need primarily is not new thoughts but new hearts, not meditation but regeneration," said Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs. "And these new hearts and regeneration can only come from Jesus Christ."

Hobbs, opening his December series of sermons on "The Baptist Hour," will continue the "Guidedposts to Life" theme. His December 1 message is titled "Jesus Only."

On December 8, in a sermon titled "So You Want To Be A Big Shot," the Baptist Hour speaker reminds, "The most important service often goes unseen except by the eyes of God. In ways the world cannot understand, God will acknowledge the greatness of him who renders unselfish service."

In "The Forgiveness Should Forgive" Hobbs tells listeners, "Forgiving means more than removing the wrong. It means a restored fellowship between you and the one doing the wrong."

In "Putting Christmas In The Proper Context," he warns against relying on human means instead of God. In his New Year's sermon, December 29, he says, "The fact that you have previously broken firm resolves to give God your best does not mean you should not try again. So long as in your heart there is hope, God is able to enable you to live victoriously."

Nothing cures insomnia like the realization that it's time to get up. You can depend on fat men. They'll never stoop to anything low.

Fireproof — being related to the boss.

## Off The Record

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States, chose not to run for the Presidency again after his second term of office. But his customary terse announcement did not satisfy the newspapermen.

"Why do you refuse to run, Mr. President?" pressed one reporter. "Can you give us some details?"

"No room for advancement," stated the President.

"Your finances are in terrible shape," the banker stated. "Your checking account is overdrawn, your loan is overdue. Why do you allow your wife to spend more money than you make?"

"Frankly," replied the man with a deep sigh, "because I'd rather argue with you than with her."

Judge: "Have you ever appeared as a witness in a suit before, Miss Bailey?"

Witness: "No, your Honor. The last time I was in court I wore a red wool dress."

In England, the police don't carry guns, only whistles. This leads us to wonder what they shout to a fleeing lawbreaker. Is it, "Halt or I'll toot?"

### Peace At Last

Here lies a poor woman who always was busy; she lived under pressure that rendered her dizzy. She belonged to ten clubs and read Browning at sight, shone at luncheons and teas and was out every night. She served on committees, and went near and far; she golfed and she "koddak-ed" and drove her own car.

Her children saw only once in a while; her husband signed checks and tried hard to smile. One day on her schedule, she found an hour free; the sock was too great, and she died instantly.

An old man walked into the police station and asked the sergeant, "Can you tell me who my landlord is?"

"Why, he's the man you pay your rent to," answered the man at the desk.

The old man shook his head and said, "I don't pay rent. About nine years ago I found me this house, moved in, and I been living there ever since."

"Then why worry?" said the sergeant. "You have no complaint."

"I sure have," shouted the old fellow. "If he don't fix the roof soon, I'm gonna move out!"